Barriers to change

Making changes is very difficult for those in generational poverty. The following table lists the barriers to change that helping agencies will need to address to improve outcomes with people in poverty.

Barriers Generated by Poverty	Barriers Generated by Family and Social Networks	Barriers Generated by Community Providers	Barriers Generated by Society
Crisis/survival/reactive mode lifestyle	Resistance and sabotage by family and friends	Program theory based on middle-class mindsets	Departmental thinking and planning
Living in the moment	Penance/forgiveness discipline patterns	Clients perceived as "needy" recipients	Distrust of people in poverty
Low resources	Low social capital	Middle-class "noise"	Acceptance of those who exploit the weakest members of society
Polarized thinking	The need to earn respect	Talents, skills, and abilities unrecognized	
Fatedness	of one's peers		Acceptance of high levels of poverty
Not knowing how to plan	Not knowing the hidden rules of economic class	Organizational change difficult	
Cognitive problems		Departmental thinking and planning	
Co-existing problems			
Not knowing the hidden rules of other classes			
Fear of losing others			
Fear of giving up identity			
Distrust of institutions			